<u>Abstract</u>

This invention relates to phthalimido derivatives of the formula

$$(R^4)_m$$
 O
 R^3
 R^2
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wherein X is -N= or -CH=, and R¹ to R⁴ and m are as defined in the specification, as well as their pharmaceutically acceptable salts. The invention further relates to pharmaceutical compositions containing these compounds, a method of treating a disease by administering a therapeutically effective amount of at least one of these compounds, and a process for their preparation for the treatment or prevention of diseases in which MAO-B inhibitors might be beneficial.

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